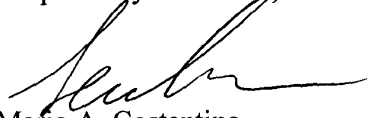


The attached Appendix includes a marked-up copy of the rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following is a marked-up version of the amended claim:

6. (Amended) The LCD illuminating device according to claim 2, wherein:
- at least two of said light guide member are provided and at least two of said light guide member are located adjacent to ~~either~~-end surfaces of said transparent substrates, with a thickness of one of said light guide members being substantially the same as a thickness of one of said transparent substrates and a thickness of the other of said light guide members being substantially the same as the sum of a thicknesses of said two transparent substrates.